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1. AFTER UNEXPLAINED DELAY OF OVER A WEEK, ROMANIAN PARTY

PRESS HAS PUBLISHED "ABBREVIATED" TEXT OF PRIME MINISTER MANEA MANESCU'S SPEECH AT 29TH CEMA COUNCIL SESSION IN BUDAPEST. WE ASSUME INTERESTED ADDRESSEES WILL BE ABLE OBTAIN TEXT THROUGH FBIS, BUT FOLLOWING POINTS STRIKE US AS SIGNIFICANT.

2. SCRUPULOUSLY AVOIDING USE OF TERM "INTEGRATION", MANESCU EXPECTEDLY PUT PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON CEMA'S DUTY TO GRADUALLY EQUALIZE DEVELOPMENT LEVELS OF MEMBER STATES. MANESCU IN FACT PRESENTED ROMANIAN PROPOSALS FOR A CEMA EQUALIZATION PROGRAM, WHICH HE SUGGESTED BE STUDIED AND ELABORATED SO THAT THE PROGRAM ITSELF COULD BE ADOPTED AT NEXT CEMA COUNCIL SESSION. DETAILS OF THE ROMANIAN PROPOSAL WERE NOT GIVEN, BUT WE ASSUME THEY FOLLOW THE GENERAL LINES OF A JUNE 10 SCINTEIA ARTICLE BY PROF. NICOLAE BELLI (SEE PARA 3 REFTEL A).

3. MANESCU ALSO PRESENTED TWO OTHER KIRMAL PROPOSALS, ONE FOR STIMULATING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND FOOD EXPORTS (PRESUMABLY THROUGH HIGHER PRICES), AND ANOTHER REGARDING CONTACTS BETWEEN CEMA AND THE EC. ON CEMA/EC RELATIONS, MANESCU SAID ROMANIA FAVORS CONTACTS AND NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO BODIES, BUT BLOC-TO-BLOC ACTIVITY SHOULD BE LIMITED TO BROAD FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS THAT DO NOT INFRINGE ON ANY COUNTRY'S SOVEREIGNTY. MORE CONCRETE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE HANDLED BILATERALLY. BY ANNOUNCING ROMANIAN SUPPORT FOR "DIRECT OFFICIAL CONTACT" BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL CEMA MEMBERS AND THE COMMON MARKET, MANESCU LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF AT LEAST TACIT RECOGNITION OF THE EC BY ROMANIA AND OTHER CEMA STATES.

4. ALSO PRESENTED WAS A DOCUMENT TITLED "ROMANIAN VIEWS ON PROMOTING AND ESTABLISHING THE NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER", A FIELD OF ACTIVITY IN WHICH MANESCU CALLED FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION BY "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES. HE REFERRED TO ROMANIA AS A "DEVELOPING SOCIALIST COUNTRY", A CONCEPT SOVIETS DO NOT ACCEPT.

5. MANESCU DWELLED REPEATEDLY AND AT LENGTH ON THE PROBLEM OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS SUPPLY, WHICH HE MADE CLEAR HAD NOT BEEN SOLVED. MANESCU CALLED FOR GREATER EFFORTS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SETTING UP "MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS" COOPERATIVE PRODUCTION VENTURES FOR ENERGY SOURCES, RAW MATERIALS AND SEMI-FINISHED PRODUCTS. HERE HE WAS PROBABLY CHAMPIONING POSITION OF CEMA STATES MORE HEAVILY DEPENDENT ON SOVIET FUELS AND RAW MATERIALS THAN ROMANIA IN AN EFFORT TO GAIN THEIR SUPPORT ON OTHER ROMANIAN INITIATIVES.

6. MANESCU'S OTHER COMMENTS -- ON NEED FOR GREATER ACCESS

TO HIGH TECHNOLOGY, CONSTRUCTION OF MORE INDUSTRIAL PLANTS
IN LESS-DEVELOPED CEMA STATES, ETC. -- WERE ANTICIPATED
IN REPORTING ON ROMANIAN PRE-SUMMIT PRESS CAMPAIGN (SEE REF A).

7. COMMENT: ROMANIA'S TACTIC AT BUDAPEST EVIDENTLY WAS TO CREATE
ENOUGH DIVERSIONARY DEBATE TO STAVE OFF ADOPTION OF UNWANTED
"INTEGRATION" MEASURES. ON BASIS OF EVIDENCE AVAILABLE SO
FAR, ROMANIANS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL. WHILE TERM
"INTEGRATION" PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN SESSION'S FINAL
COMMUNIQUE, IT WAS USED LARGELY TO COVER COOPERATIVE ACTIONS
SUCH AS ORENBURG PIPELINE WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED UNDER
A DIFFERENT LABEL. SHOULD PRESSURE FOR INTEGRATION INCREASE
ONCE MORE AS NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL SESSION APPROACHES,
ROMANIANS NOW HAVE SERVED WARNING THAT THEY WILL LAUNCH INTO
LENGTHY DEBATE ON EQUALIZATION AND NEW ECONOMIC ORDER AND SEEK
OTHER ISSUES ON WHICH THEY HOPE TO GAIN SOME MEASURE OF SUPPORT
FROM OTHER EE COUNTRIES AGAINST SOVIET HEGEMONY.
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